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THE RECORD OF ELIUS ROOT.

Editor Journal:  
 It is hard to see how you find so many complimentary things to say about Elius Root. No one disputes that he is an able man, and no one should dispute that he has always been owned soul and body by the corporations. He was attorney for Thomas F. Ryan in the organization of all his study interests. He has been one of the most pronounced reactionary forces in the country, and the people should no unkindly him.—A. H. LEADER.

Silver City, March 7, 1915.  
 It is true that Elius Root was a corporation lawyer and served his clients efficiently, just as he served the government faithfully in every position held by him after he gave up practice of law and went into public life.

Nearly every brainy lawyer—conspicuously brainy lawyer—of the country has been the attorney of one or more big corporations. There they learn the ins and outs of corporation law as they never can be learned by a man, however able, who never had an opportunity to see the wheels go round in the operations of big business.

When President Taft named Wickesham attorney general, a great protest went up from the radical press of the country. But Wickesham, more than any other man, had the Sherman anti-trust and the interstate commerce laws interpreted and broadened and made over into the most efficient government machinery. As one of his assistants, Attorney-General Wickesham had a democrat from Tennessee, J. C. McReynolds, working under him all the time, and so efficient was the record that President Wilson called Mr. McReynolds to the post of attorney-general to succeed Mr. Wickesham and later elevated him to the supreme bench.

In retiring from the senate, Elius Root quite public service, which he had distinguished in so many departments. By native powers, trained by an energetic life to the highest fitness, he became an expert in government, comparable in their respective departments to Lord Kitchener and Sir Edward Grey, whom the stress of war has raised to British station that all but obscures the prime minister.

The taunt of corporation lawyer was soon silenced by Root's services to the nation, not more loyal and single-minded, but larger and more effective, than that he gave to his clients, because of the experience he had gained.

Root has left permanent impress upon the government of the United States in what he achieved, and less visibly to what he repressed and prevented. Under him after his administrative failure in the Spanish-American war, the American army was raised, for the first time when there was no war, to the level of scientific organization and effective administration.

In foreign affairs, as secretary of state, Root pursued the course of expert dealing laid out by John Hay, and added the practical sympathy and understanding of all the Americans, which has so strengthened a world at war.

The best service Root did in the senate was by advice, criticism and opposition to keep others less expert in the wise course laid out for them. He will be missed less in all of the high places filled by him because of the compelling example left by him for his successors.

Vill's discreet prohibition in the territories controlled by him. Betting that he will bear Carranza can be made now with higher odds.

CARING FOR EDUCATION.

Whatever else the legislature may do or neglect to do, it cannot afford to fail in making appropriations for the proper maintenance of the educational institutions of the state. It is a trite but true saying that knowledge is power.

No state, no country, that neglects education can prosper. No educated people ever has failed to prosper materially, morally and spiritually. Knowledge without adequate schools have deteriorated, decayed, lost out, become servants of those intellectually stronger. The lessons of history, in

that respect, are unvarying. Discriminatory laws, imposed by ignorant numbers, never have enabled the uneducated to successfully compete with the educated in any vocation.

Man for man, the illiterate Russian is no match for the kaiser's educated soldiers on the field of battle. Man for man the less scientifically trained American is no match in manufactures and commerce with the scientifically trained Germans. The German farmer makes two bushels of wheat grow where an American, with quite as much labor would be able to produce only one. The richest land on earth, in the delta of the Mississippi, is worth about one-half as much as the poorer bottom lands of Iowa and Illinois. The difference is in the mental equipment of the farmers of the two sections.

New Mexico has the climate for the production of a strong and prosperous people. In the past, we have had too much politics and too little education. It is in the hands of the lawmakers to remedy this gravest of defects. The seven-months law will do much, provided the public schools are in the hands of broad-gauge superintendents who will see to it that incompetent teachers are weeded out and the children are given the best for which the money of the taxpayers can pay. In addition, the institutions of higher learning must be maintained, for the simple reason that comparatively few children in New Mexico can be sent away from home for such training, and it is not desirable that they should be sent away, because this state needs all of them, and too many boys and girls make their future homes in the vicinity of the college where they have gone to school.

The "hotel de Glink" in New York has done so well that there is talk of the establishment of a "farm de Glink" somewhere in the southwest. If hired men to do the work are sent along, it will be popular as hobo headquarters.

THE CRISIS IN GREECE.

The first result of the determined attack by the British and French fleets on the defenses of Constantinople was a crisis in the Greek government in which Premier Venizelos and his ministry resigned.

Venizelos is easily the first statesman of the Near East and one of the ablest men in public life today. It was he who undertook the reconstruction of Greece after the disastrous war with Turkey in 1896. He changed the financial system of the country, modernized the laws, improved the schools, extended commerce, encouraged manufactures, stimulated agriculture, reorganized the army and navy and vitalized the people into new life.

It was Venizelos who formed the alliance between the Greeks and all of the Balkan states for war with Turkey and kept it so secret that the chancelleries of Europe, with all of their vast system of espionage, were kept in ignorance of it until the storm broke.

He was the dominating spirit in the first London conference and he was the mainspring of the combination of Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria against the Bulgarians when the unscrupulous King Ferdinand undertook to hold the lion's share of the spoils wrested from the Turks.

Venizelos sees now in the attack on the Dardanelles the time for Greece to put aside her neutrality and engage in war with her ancient enemies, the Moslems, for the purpose of further extending her powers over the Aegean islands and possibly on the continent.

King Constantine who, as crown prince, was the victorious commander of the Greek forces in the Balkan wars, is opposed to Greece becoming embroiled in the present great struggle. It is intimated in the press dispatches that his kinship to the kaiser may have influenced his decision to change the ministry.

It is probable that the king can not control for long. The Greeks remember the indescribable massacres on the Isle of Chios and in the Morea, and they hate the Turks with an undying hatred and now see the opportunity to be in at, and contribute to, the downfall of their ancient enemy and cruel scourge.

Also, it is not probable that the others of the Balkan states and Italy will long stand out when a matter so tremendous as the fall of Constantinople is imminent. Bulgaria, Romania and Italy might exact, with weaker nations than France, Great Britain and Russia, some of the spoils of Turkey as a price for their neutrality.

But with such powers as those of the triple entente, any demands they might make after the close of a war in which they had taken no part would be brushed aside as impertinent, not worth consideration. Just now their assistance is needed and the allies would doubtless pay well for it in the distribution of dismembered Turkey.

Of course, no one really contemplated the actual closing of the New Mexico exhibit at San Diego. That would be too positive advertising of the wrong sort.

New York has a public official who insists upon paying for the use of the city automobile when he uses it in his own affairs. That man will bear watching.

The congressmen now are trooping home to hear the old bogies around the cracker barrels tell how much better things might have been run at Washington.

Persia is said to be out of powder. That may give life.

"PREPARE FOR ACTION!"



Dardanelles in World History

This Gateway to the Golden Fleece of Eastern Trade Has Led to Great Events Since the Expedition of the Argonauts.

RAYMOND G. FULLER.

Dispatches reporting the progress of the allied fleet through the Dardanelles mention the heavy winds which are common there, and which sometimes stir up a vigorous current in the water of the passage-way. There is at all times a vigorous current setting toward the Aegean sea and an undercurrent flowing in the opposite direction toward the Bosphorus. These movements figure in ancient literature, and are noted in the writings of the Greek historians, like Xenophon. The turbulent western stream furnished Shakespeare a simile. Othello speaks in answer to Iago's poisoning words:

"Like to the Pontic sea,  
 Whose low current, and convulsive course  
 Never feels retiring ebb, but keeps  
 Due on To the Propontic and the Hellespont,  
 Even so my bloody thoughts, with violent pace,  
 Shall never look back, never ebb to humble love,  
 Till that a capable and wide revenge  
 Swallow them up."

The classical names have given way to modern; the Pontic is the Black sea, the Propontic is the Sea of Marmara and the Hellespont is the Dardanelles, but the waters of the older gateway to the east course back and forth as in the time of the Argonauts. The present name of the Dardanelles comes indirectly from the legendary associations of the adjoining country. Dardanus, who in Greek fable was the son of Zeus and Electra, slew his brother Iasus and fled to the hospitable Asian shores of the Hellespont. He is reputed to have founded the royal house of Troy and to have been the ancestor, through Aeneas, of the ancient Romans. Above the Hellespont in a corner of Asia Minor lay

the ringling plains of windy Troy where the hosts of Agamemnon avenged the rape of Helen. The site of the ill-fated city is not so accurately told us, but it is only three miles or so from the Dardanelles.

The Quest of the Golden Fleece. The Dardanelles made its debut in history away back in the indistinct ages of mythology—for much of mythology is simply vague history farther back than the Trojan war. The first record of a voyage through the Hellespont of which we have any record was that of Jason, who built the good ship Argo

From Colchis' realm to bring the golden fleece.

But the story of the Argonauts follows from another, which accounts for the ancient name of this neck of sea.

Where beauties Helle found a watery grave.

Helle was the daughter of a Thessalian king and queen, Athamas and Nephele. When Athamas discarded his wife she suspected danger to her children—a boy, Phryxus, and the girl, Helle. Athamas had Xanthus put them off of his back by giving her a ram. On this ram, which had a golden fleece, the children were placed, the ram then vaulting into the air and taking its course eastward.

The girl fell off into the water of the strait which afterward was called the Hellespont. The ram continued its flight to the farther coast of the Euxine, where Phryxus sacrificed it to Jupiter, presenting the golden fleece to Aetes, the king of the country, who placed it in a consecrated grove guarded by a sleepless dragon.

The deed of which was successful. The legendary wife of Jason's accomplishment—what was doubtless the first important maritime expedition of all time—was complete.

Between Two Continents.

To classical mythology is also due the tale of Hero and Leander, a love story which Holmes interleaved in "The Ballad of the Oysterman."

I read it in the story-book.

That for to kiss his dear,

Leander swam the Hellespont,

And I will swim this here.

The parodic Hero—or heroine—of

titles appeal the humble reader: "The True Teston," "The Great Russian," "The New France," "The Truth About John Bull." We had settled down to one set of generalizations; now they are all upset. It seems a dreadful waste of second-rate material!

Take Germany: We had all made our minds up about Germany. The best beer and ugliest architecture. The cleanest city streets and the most deplorable pictures. A home-loving people, lovers of peace, whose sons nick one another's faces in college dues and whose army officers above women and children into the gutter for joy of honoring the "Kaiser's coat." A musical, sentimental, philosophical gift with a wonderful gift for "historical objectivity." Germans make uncouth noises eating soup, are undesirable as fellow-travelers, but furnish all the novelties of industrial chemistry. German women wear ugly hats and are excellent plain cooks—if you like German cooking.

And England: England was "perfidious Albion." Her army was no great matter except in Kipling's short stories, but on the sea she was so much better than any of her adversaries that there was no resisting her on any terms. Her tea was excellent and her Whitechapel unspeakable. She was the "richest country in the world. She had no sense of humor, and therefore had the best comic weekly. She was the most sportsmanlike country in the world, and took defeat in polo and football with grace. Other things were decadent. She had invented the non-conformist conscience. She had bulldog courage. She was the home of pre-Raphaelites, philanthropists, and Lloyd-George.

Likewise France: The most excitable and impulsive of nations. The most indulgent, the heaviest drinker of absinthe, the most immoral, the best road-builder, the most thrifty and atheistic and witty. So much for poor France—degenerate for twenty or so centuries and still intellectual mistress of the universe.

PERFECT MAN A YOUNGSTER.

(Argonauts.)

The perfect man's measure is 38 inches around the chest, 30 inches around the waist, and 40 inches according to the verdict of the international customs cutters, who met recently in Milwaukee to fix American styles for 1913. The tailors called attention to the fact that whereas a woman may maintain a form from year to year, a man's waistline in the absence of corsets is likely to show great variation as he approaches forty. Therefore, the perfect man is generally a youngster.

Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my customers because I have confidence in it. I find that they are pleased with it and call for it when again in need of such a medicine," writes J. W. Sexson, Montevallo, Mo.

We all had this trouble for about two or three years, and during that time tried many remedies and prescriptions with no results. We tried Residol Ointment and Residol Soap, and it RELIEVED AT ONCE, and before the third jar of ointment had been used, we were all completely cured. It has been four months since we were cured, and there are no traces of the trouble."—(Signed) Mrs. S. A. Clarkson, 1529 Lawn Ave., Oct. 24, 1914. Every druggist sells Residol Ointment and Residol Soap. For trial free, write to Dept. 13-H, Residol, Baltimore, Md.

State of Ohio City of Toledo, Lucas County, as Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County of Lucas, State of Ohio, that he is 60 years of age, and every night to enjoy free company but one of these Hellenic tempests arose one fatal evening, and Leander was drowned. The waves bore his body to the shore beneath the tower from which Hera had watched all night for his coming, and in her despair she threw herself into the sea.

"Of course, said you expect me to die here, so that you can fast upon my body, but I hope to disappoint you completely. If the weather keeps clear, I shall drag myself away out of your grasp and leave you to your loneliness."

"Clack, clack," they answered grimly.

AN EDITOR'S CIRCULATION.

(Falmouth, Ky., Outlook.)

You can never tell where the country newspaper goes to, says an exchange. Some of them are like the editor who wrote to a catalogue house for some advertising. They replied that they would be glad to use his space, but would like to know what territory his paper covered, whereupon he told them "This paper goes from New York to San Francisco, from Canada to the Gulf, and it knows no working until 2:00 o'clock in the morning to keep it from going to hell."

THINK OF HAVING TO READ THESE BOOKS!

(Osculat.)

One of the tragedies of this war is going to be the loss of books and essays it will incubate. Even their

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